

# 'Spy' was Niagara College student

By MARK TESSIER

A man who may have been a Czechoslovakian counter-intelligence agent and who died in a St. Catharines hospital in 1971 came to Niagara College to learn to speak English.

Zdenek Mrnak, named before a closed session of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee by a Czech defector, was enrolled in the English Second Language course at Wellandvale from Dec. 13, 1968, until he completed it May 20, 1969.

He later enrolled in the now-defunct Occupational English course at Wellandvale. He started that course March 20, 1970, and completed it March 26 of the same year.

Mrs. Mary O'Shea, an instructor in the School of Retraining on the Woodlawn campus, said she taught Mrnak while he was in the ESL course. She described him as a very quiet man who "kept much to himself." She remembers him as being "very intelligent and well-versed in many topics." He was a good family man and a conscientious student, Mrs. O'Shea said.

"All in all, he was a perfect gentleman," she said.

The Czech defector, testifying before a closed session of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee under the name of Josef Frolik, said a man named Mrnak, whom, he named as a former Czech counter-intelligence agent, died in St. Catharines under suspicious circumstances.

Frolick said Mrnak was operated on for appendicitis when, in fact, he was suffering from "ordinary gas."

Frolik said Mrnak was visited after the operation by a Czech colleague, "a physician from a military hospital in Prague who 'happened' to be in St. Catharines." Frolik alleges that the physician gave Mrnak an injection during the visit and that Mrnak died "within the hour following the visit."

While living in Czechoslovakia, Mrnak "was said to be doing research on the stratosphere, and how high winds could affect Russian spy planes," according to the St. Catharines Standard.

In his testimony, Frolik said Mrs.

Mrnak was threatened with "liquidation" if she demanded an autopsy. But Dr. Bruce Penton, a Niagara regional coroner, said an autopsy was performed on the order of the next-of-kin.

Dr. Penton said the autopsy revealed Mrnak's death was a result of a "physical disease." He would not elaborate, however, saying he was not allowed to release personal details as they are confidential.

There are also varied reports as to why Mrnak entered Hotel Dieu Hospital in the first place. Frolik claims Mrnak was operated on for appendicitis, but was actually suffering from gas. Miroslav Klimek, president of the St. Catharines branch of the Czech National Association, says he understood Mrnak had cancer of the prostate gland and that it killed him. Mrs. Mrnak, meanwhile, says her husband definitely did not have cancer of the prostate, that he was very healthy other than for an inflamed bladder, which she gives as the reason for his stay in hospital.

Dr. Penton says there was an operation but that it was not appendix-related.

An RCMP spokesman said at press time the force had no plans to re-open the case but the Niagara Regional Police have started one of their own. Sergeant Ed Richardson said the investigation is being carried out by Criminal Investigator Art Barkley, but that nothing new has been turned up yet.

## Conference on bilingualism could be held at Niagara

By DAVE KINDY

A treasury board official is planning to meet with college officials and representatives of the office of Secretary of State today to decide if Niagara College will hold a community education conference on bilingualism in Welland and Port Colborne.

Jacques de Courville-Nicol, director, Training and Information Division, Official Languages Branch of the Treasury Board, college administrators and members of its bilingual ad hoc advisory committee, and representatives from the Hamilton branch of Secretary of State will meet to decide if there is sufficient

interest to the community for a conference.

I.J. Giancarlo, dean of the School of Applied Arts, said the conference would have guest speakers discussing the Niagara region as one of the five districts in Ontario to become bilingual, as published in an Ottawa report.

"We feel there is a general lack of knowledge of the report and its implications," Mr. Giancarlo said.

"One of the main functions of the college is to provide information and education to the community."

He said the college holds conferences of this sort periodically but "we maintain a neutral position on any issue. We objectively examine the issues involved and try to provide information to the community so they can make up their own minds on these matters."

He said the meeting today will probably decide in favor of such a conference and begin planning it for a Saturday in March.

## Whitfield at N/C

Phyllis Whitfield, women's program co-ordinator for Ontario's community colleges, is to visit Niagara College next Monday. She will meet college officials to discuss programming for women, and will meet with the Women's Regional Action Program (WRAP) that evening.

## 33.3 per cent from St. Catharines

More Niagara College students live in St. Catharines than in Niagara Falls, Welland, or Fort Erie-Port Colborne.

Statistics from John Parrett, assistant registrar, show 802 students live in St. Catharines. This is 33.3 per cent of the 2,410 Niagara students. Welland is next with 514, or 21.3 per cent.

From Niagara Falls, there are 400 students, or 16.6 per cent, and from Port Colborne/Fort Erie 241 or 10 per cent. The remaining 453 students—18.8 per cent—come from elsewhere in Canada, and from all over the world.



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## Glub-b-b-b-b

It may be only a trial run with a model boat but perhaps Nancy Mark of first year General College is trying to forewarn us of things to come. Last week's thaw created wide, deep puddles over walkways

and parking lots on the Woodlawn campus. The major thaw we can expect with spring may create greater problems in a few weeks' time. A suggested spring credit course for students and staff might

be H20 — Basic Course in Ark Building — a necessity for spring survival — unless drains are cleared to allow water to flow away.

[Photo by Potter]

## Grant tops \$7 million

Niagara College has received a preliminary figure of \$7,750,000 for its 1976-77 grant, an increase of 12.44 per cent over the base figure for 1975-76. The college, however, isn't satisfied with the increase and is planning to ask for more.

A.S. Manera, college president, said, "We think we can justify it because we've had a large enrolment growth."

The college has the opportunity to appeal until March 15, to the ministry of colleges and universities for alterations, said Gary LaRose, college treasurer. Mr. LaRose said, however, any change would not be "substantial."

"The 12.44 per cent increase is guaranteed and we now have that in writing," Mr. Manera said. "There is no danger of getting a cutback."

The grant, which applies only to post-secondary education and does not include retraining, will be distributed to all areas of the college, Mr. Manera said.

## Second French production opens Monday night

The Niagara French Theatre's first production, L'Education des Filles, had about a 40 per cent attendance rate, according to Jeanne Larouche.

Madame Larouche is the liaison officer to the college from the Francophone community research team funded by the Local Initiatives Program (LIP). She is acting as public relations officer for Le Theatre Francais du Niagara.

Because of the time factor, the theatre was unable to launch an effective advertising campaign, Jeanne said concerning the poor turn-out for the theatre's first production.

Jeanne (she prefers her first name to Mme. Larouche) comes to Niagara College after being a public relations consultant for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women in Canada.

It was her job there to find all the Francophone groups in Canada. Jeanne was also responsible for the press coverage of the Francophone chairman of the advisory council during her travels across the country.

The company's next play L'Auberge des Morts Subites, or The Inn



of Sudden Deaths opens at the theatre centre next Monday night. It is a comedy in two acts written by a Canadian, Felix Leclerc.

The play is set in an inn located somewhere between heaven and earth. The inn is populated by persons who have died suddenly and are waiting to see where they are to be sent, either to heaven or hell.

Georges Delisle will be the director of this play. M. Delisle was the director of the first production as

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# EDITORIAL

## Labor has tunnel vision

One of the big problems with organized labor is that it suffers from a terminal case of tunnel vision. And while there used to be a real need for a sectarian outlook, those days are long gone.

Two weeks ago, at a public forum on the federal government's wage and price guidelines, we were treated to yet another frightening display of the symptoms of this disease which is racking the body of Canada's working class, threatening to snuff out its life.

Everyone in this country is concerned about the state of the economy, and many sectors are worried about the future of the federal government's anti-inflation program. True, it is "rough justice" for the working man, but it is also the same sort of justice, though to a somewhat lesser degree, for big companies, professionals and institutions. Just because the wages of the working man are more accessible to the Anti-Inflation Board does not mean that they are the only thing which will be controlled.

At the public forum, the air was filled with bitterness. Trudeau and his controls were called "Fascist" and Darcy McKeough, Ontario's treasurer, was pictured as "strutting around like a bloody Hitler" and all politicians were described as hiding away in their offices ignoring the cries for help from the masses.

Moving right along from bad to worse, next came the predictable cries to man the barricades, to hold a general strike, to storm the seats of government, to unite to exercise labor's (admittedly) enormous political power and to redistribute the national wealth in a more equitable way.

This kind of gaseous rhetoric does little to ease the problems; it only exacerbates them to the boiling point.

We had often wondered about the pep talk Lenin gave to the troops who stormed the Winter Palace. Now we know!

But there is a real danger in all of this. Given labor's highly emotional response to any attempt to discipline it, some day, these things may really happen.

Anarchy is a nice place to visit, but we'd hate to live there!

The various labor groups in Canada are most irresponsible in using this sort of verbal diarrhea to whip up their members for their own selfish ends. It's high time labor unions, and particularly the Canadian Labour Congress executive, cleaned up their act before it is done for them.

John Bruce

## APATHY INSTITUTE?

For more than two months now, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) has been trying to get approval for its proposed increases in the honoraria received by what the SAC constitution calls the SAC Board of Directors. The issue is no closer to being resolved now than it was last December.

The delays have been caused by two things: SAC bungling and student apathy, in that order.

The idea of giving the directors an increase would, at first glance, appear to be a good one, but when they show little interest in the matter themselves, it's hard for anyone else, let alone the students here at Apathy Institute of Applied Arts and Technology, to get excited about it. And of course the desirability of the raise itself is thereby put in doubt.

SAC's Board of Directors doesn't seem to be able to read its constitution. The members can't even see that they are the Board of Directors and *not* the entire Student Administrative Council. The latter is made up of all students who pay their treasured \$35 and receive a student's card (which itself is of negligible value).

After reading the SAC constitution to find the required mechanics for passing the proposed honoraria increases, Dennis Reeves, SAC president, says the wording of the constitution is "vague."

After reading the SAC constitution for the same purpose, we suspect Mr. Reeves' ability to comprehend what he reads is a little vague.

As far as we can see, the procedure is very clearly outlined in black and white in plain English in the constitution for everyone, including Mr. Reeves and company, to read.

But what is surely the last straw is to go to a SAC meeting— at which the increases were to be voted on— only to find the Board of directors unable to convene the meeting due to the absence of the majority of the people who would receive the increase in pay!

After a six-month honeymoon with SAC, we must divorce ourselves from them on this one.

John Bruce

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## Teachers' dual role precludes strikes

By MARK TESSIER

In the wake of the recent Toronto teacher strikes, perhaps it is a good idea to take a look at how the Ontario government decided to give teachers the right to strike.

At the outset, let it be perfectly clear that the author is a staunch unionist, and, therefore, respects the rights of the working class and believes in the power of the legal strike.

In 1970, William Davis was the minister of education in the John Robarts Conservative government. As a result of strikes in Brampton secondary schools, Davis commissioned a committee of inquiry to look into the feasibility of, and any alternatives to, teacher strikes.

In September, 1972, the findings of the committee were made public. Before compiling its report the committee took "as its basic concept that conflict in teacher-school board relationships should be, and can be, virtually eliminated."

The committee of inquiry concluded, that, as a result of the service teachers provide to the public, teachers have a "dual status" in society. This status is described in the report as that of both professional and public employee. Therefore, "the Committee of Inquiry is of the opinion that the right to strike is inconsistent with the dual status of the teacher," the report stated.

The committee did not, however, leave the teachers without a hope at bargaining times, as it tried to present a "viable alternative."

This viable alternative is set out in the committee's 22 recommendations. Seven and eight are the crucial ones in providing this alternative.

Number seven calls for the establishment of a Professional Research Bureau and an Adjudicative Tribunal. It would be the duty of the bureau "to collect, collate and disseminate pertinent data on a regular basis to both parties (teachers and boards) and to the Adjudicative Tribunal," the report said. In this way, all parties involved would be informed at all times as to the factors which would be important during negotiations.

The bureau would be funded through the Ministry of Education. If a "persistent disagreement" were encountered during Neg-

otiations, the Adjudicative Tribunal would intervene. The tribunal would appoint an adjudicator to decide the matter. A decision would "be final and binding on both parties."

The tribunal would be funded by the Ministry of Education as well.

Although from a unionist's standpoint, this method is less than desirable, it seems to the author that there is a higher goal than the rights of the proletariat to be concerned with in this case. That goal is the right of all of Canada's youth to receive a good education (at least as far as a high school).

Looking at the developments in Toronto, it is obvious that Bill 100, which gave the teachers the legal right to strike, is painfully inadequate.

The bill, entitled The School Boards and Teachers Collective Negotiations Act, 1975, states as its purpose "the furthering of har-

monious relations between boards and teachers by providing for the making and renewing of agreements and by providing for the relations between boards and teachers in respect of agreements."

Maybe the bill does provide for relations between boards and teachers, but these relations could never be called "harmonious," as the experience in Toronto has proven beyond doubt.

The teacher strike in Toronto was a colossal failure. The teachers lost when they were legislated back to work, the board lost, as it was presented as the bad guy by the media, and the students were robbed of a year's education.

It is these students who are the ultimate losers, as their progress in school has been almost surely held back a year. Perhaps if the Committee of Inquiry had been listened to, it would have been a different story.

## National leadership needed

By BEV DELANEY

Canada has come a long way since the balmy days of 1968 when Pierre Trudeau became prime minister. Despite dazzling changes of costume and face, Mr. Trudeau remains the same.

In the past weeks, we have seen the spectacle of the Canadian prime minister waxing romantic about improved relations with Cuba and South American nations. Not so long before that, it was a "contractual link" with Europe.

At Thanksgiving, the prime minister hinted at a "new society" that was in the offing for Canada. Since that time, he has felt moved to further explain what this "new society" will be like. The attempt failed. The controversy still rages.

There is some indication, in Britain at least, of a move to economic recovery and a new business-government-labor era of co-operation. Whether or not this is a harbinger of the future for Canada is unclear at the moment. The movement may indeed spread. It is also apparent the Canadian economy is showing halting progress to economic stability.

It is also clear to many Canadians that sleeping too exclusively with the U.S. elephant may not be the

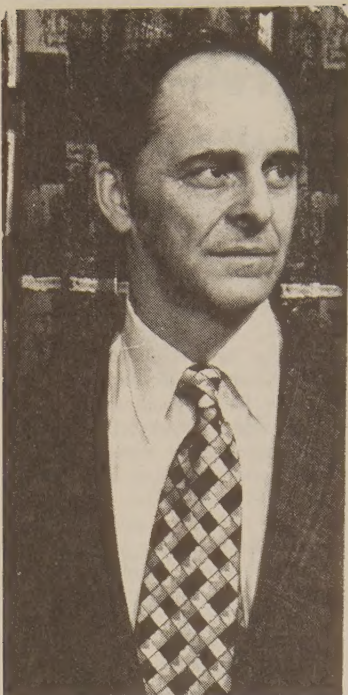
best idea. From a position as a medium world power, Canada's focus might better be on other medium or lesser powers.

The prime minister's actions and arguments may be seen to have a rational base. It is one thing, however, to have a base and quite another to have a plan.

Mr. Trudeau's actions and speeches of the last few months have revealed only an older, not wiser, philosopher-king. In search of a new foreign policy, he has ranged over all the points of the compass. In search of new domestic policy, he has ranged from point A to point A.

No one will argue the gravity of the economic problems faced by this and other Western nations nor the need for a wider world view. Many will argue the harsh reality of feeding a family and finding a job on graduation.

Philosopher-kings may be wonderful for classical scholars, but the man on the street wants leadership. He wants to see his leaders seeking solutions to his problems, not ruminating on the state of the world. No doubt the universe is unfolding as it should, but the average person is footing the bill. It is time the Trudeau government stopped stargazing and picked up the staff of office.



Dr. E.W. Robinson,  
chairman  
Institute of  
Labour-Management Studies

## 'Middle of the road course': Robinson

Dr. Eric Robinson, chairman of The Institute of Labour and Labour-Management Studies, feels that a new course on the federal government's anti-inflation program for organized labor is filling a pressing need.

"We must seek to interpret labor to management and to the public when it is under attack as to its aims and objectives," he said. "We're pleased to discuss the course and its rationale to the college and to the public."

He said the course will present the differing labor viewpoints and allow the students to draw their own conclusions. "Labor rank and file will draw their own conclusions at the end of the course," he said. They will be assisted in drawing these conclusion by the assigned essays, oral interviews and the instructors' assessments, Dr. Robinson said.

The government's side of the issue will also be presented in the course. In March, government experts will be brought in to examine the "nuts and bolts" of the program, he said.

While the course is primarily for trade unionists, it is open to the general public as well. The registration fee is \$30.

But, Dr. Robinson said, government experts could pose some logistical problems in the course.

"There would be some difficulty in obtaining someone suitably informed from the Anti-Inflation Board for our precise and exact needs and when we need him," he said. "We can't go to Ottawa."

Asked if the course presented too one-sided an approach to the anti-inflation program, Dr. Robinson said the course would make use of available government literature, copies of Bill C-73 itself, excerpts from Hansard and copies of any Anti-Inflation Board decisions available.

"So one cannot say that this is based on some literature foreign to the act." Speakers at the lecture-discussions, all ranking labor officials, would bring these materials with them and make use of them during discussions.

Dr. Robinson said all the speakers

are "skilled resource persons". They are scholarly, thorough people who are "not satisfied with political pronouncements".

Dr. Robinson said he fears a possible anti-labor backlash and said, "We need to be pretty intelligent in our handling of the two sides during a time of contentious issues, like now."

He is fearful that lack of dialogue could bring open confrontation between labor and the other sectors of society. "I see a possible bloodbath just down the road," he said. "Near hysteria against labor can stampede the moderates against it."

The new course, prompted by the advisory board to The Institute of Labour and Labour-Management Studies, should provide greater understanding of labor's viewpoint, Dr. Robinson said. "We'll end up with a balanced picture of labor's reaction to the guidelines."

Dr. Robinson said the college must take an active role in preventing any confrontation. "Our role as a college should be to provide some leadership, not just followership."

## Labor vs guidelines

The Institute of Labour and Labour-Management Studies at Niagara College is conducting a course on the federal government's anti-inflation program and what it means to organized labor.

The course, called The Economics of Inflation Control (Wage and Price Guidelines), began Jan. 22 and continues to March 25.

The course opened with an orientation lecture by Dr. Eric Robinson, chairman of The Institute of Labour and Labour-Management Studies, followed by Welland MPP Mel Swart's analysis of the effects of wage and price guidelines on regional government. A public forum on the federal government's program was held Feb. 5 with Canadian Labour Congress executive vice-president Julien Major explaining the CLC's response to the Trudeau government's initiative.

Gil Levine, director of research for the Canadian Union of Public Employees, presented his union's stance on the program Feb. 12. Gordon Milling, director of research for the United Steelworkers of America will present his union's position tonight and next Thursday, Paul Forder, political education director of the Ontario Federation of Labour will outline the position of the OFL and the CLC.

Following the lecture-discussion periods, a four-week series of tutorials, using audio-visual presentations and written materials, will be held for those students requiring credit towards their Niagara College Certificate of Labour Studies.

All lecture discussions are held at the Welland campus. Tutorials will be held in St. Catharines for students from that city while Welland students will continue at the main campus.

### At guidelines forum

## Hysterics, polemics reign supreme, guidelines, gov't. labelled 'Fascist'

By JOHN BRUCE

The Hamilton Room in the Simcoe Building was the scene of a public forum on the federal government's anti-inflation program Feb. 5.

The forum was sponsored by the Welland and District Labour Council and the Port Colborne Labour Council, and the Niagara College Labour-Management Studies Program.

The main speaker at the meeting was Julien Major, executive vice president of the Canadian Labor Congress (CLC). After a brief address to the 150 people in attendance, Mr. Major fielded questions from the floor.

Declaring the federal government's anti-inflation program to be "first and foremost and anti-labor measure", Mr. Major strongly condemned the anti-inflation program and all its attendant mechanisms as unfair, inconsistent and unnecessary.

"We've seen lots of wages controlled but not one price as yet," Mr. Major said. He cited many examples of the Anti-Inflation Board's (AIB) rulings on wages, such as the Toronto teachers' last offer from the Metro Board of Education and the increases accepted by the workers and the Welland Drop Forge plant.

Mr. Major repeatedly referred to the AIB as "a wage control board, just a labor had expected from the beginning."

Mr. Major said the anti-inflation measures introduced by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau last Oct. 14 are unnecessary. He compared Canada's rate of inflation over the past two years to the United States, Great Britain, Israel, Argentina, Uruguay and Japan, saying Canadians were much better off than consumers in those countries. "So we were really in a fairly good position compared to other countries at the time of the Trudeau speech."

The CLC vice-president took great exception to the general public belief that organized labor has been completely unwilling to make any effort to control inflation

and help reduce unemployment in Canada.

"We've always been ready to meet with Monsieur Trudeau to find ways to reduce inflation and Unemployment," Mr. Major said. "We never, at any time, closed the door to the government to help find solutions. The government did."

He said organized labor had been involved in discussions with John Turner, the former federal finance minister, on what was, at that time, called "voluntary consensus".

"But, we don't accept being forced into a program which, in our opinion, will not solve the problem of inflation and won't reduce unemployment," he said.

Mr. Major said the fight has just started and will continue for as long as it takes to get rid of the federal government's anti-inflation program.

"We are fighting for a free trade union movement in Canada," he said. "We are fighting for the free collective bargaining process in Canada."

The question period which followed Mr. Major's remarks was very emotional as members of the audience, made up mostly of union members, vented their anger and frustration with the controls. They

### Bad blood (clinic)

Very disappointing. That was the feeling of the Red Cross after receiving only 207 pints of blood at the Niagara blood donor clinic.

"We were expecting at least 300 pints," said Elizabeth Lambert, assistant clinic organizer of the Welland Red Cross. "With almost 2,000 students at Niagara we were sure we'd surpass the 300 pints."

Of the 207 pints donated, 60 were from E.L. Crossley high school students.

The 12-bed clinic, held Jan. 30 in the gymnasium, was run by 14 Red Cross nurses and a blood technician from Hamilton, who travel as a unit throughout southern Ontario.

"Maybe we shouldn't have held it the day after the pub night," said Mrs. Lambert, noting the high absenteeism on Fridays.

agreed the controls were an attempt to hamstring the working man in a position inferior to that of professionals or businessmen.

Several of the questioners referred to Prime Minister Trudeau as "a fascist" and urged unionist to unite to throw out the government at the next general election.

The Ontario provincial government came under attack for its proposed revenue cutbacks which will have a major effect on municipal taxes and health services throughout the province. The Henderson Report was labelled a "joke" and a "sham".

Several speakers from the audience urged the CLC to call a general strike.

"The sooner we have a one-day strike, or a general strike, the sooner we'll get away from Trudeau and this fascist legislation," one man shouted to loud applause.

Mr. Major took a moderate stand on the possibility of such a strike. "We didn't say 'yes' and we didn't say 'no' to a general strike," he said. "We don't want members killed by the riot police. We don't want that!" The CLC was criticized for the long delay in formulating its plans to fight the anti-inflation measures. "We've lost a lot of ground while the CLC got its program together," one man said.

Mr. Major said the democratic nature of the CLC was responsible for the delay. The executive wanted to get as much input as possible from all over the country before making final plans.

Responding to another question, Mr. Major said the CLC's 10-Point Plan would slow inflation and reduce unemployment.

"If even half of the 10-Point Plan had been implemented, we'd be a lot further ahead than we are now," one man said.

Mr. Major said the CLC is now fully mobilized to take on the Anti-Inflation Board and the whole program.

"There is a whole structure in place to wage this campaign, like an election," he said. "The campaign is well started."

### Income tax service

A free income tax preparation service will be offered to Niagara College students and senior citizens, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Twenty-five second-year business administration students under the direction of John Jocsak, accounting master, will provide the service.

The service will operate in the cafeteria during double lunch periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It will also be offered in the resource centre one night per week.

Anyone wanting to use the service is asked to bring all pertinent income tax information slips and last year's return together with the blank form for 1976. Complete confidentiality is assured, said Mr. Jocsak.

## Chance to earn credits in jolly old England

How would you like to pick up an English or history elective (or both) and go to England at the same time this summer?

The Niagara College Applied Arts Extension Division is offering a three-week trip to England with a chance to get a credit for two courses.

The trip being organized by Gail Hilyer, chairperson of the Extension Division, will cost about \$522 plus course registration fees. This amount covers flight, room and one meal a day. The flight leaves May 7, two weeks after the winter term ends, and returns May 28.

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Mrs. Hilyer said a minimum deposit of \$120 is required by the first week of March. Of this total \$100 will go for the plane reservations and the other \$20 for administration.

And while you're away enjoying sunny spring in England you can be picking up two electives: H-LS-010-3—England and its traditions: its unique History, and H-EE-044-3—England and its Traditions: Its Literary Heritage.

"These are approved credit

courses and are accepted as courses at the college," Mrs. Hilyer said. "There will be one or two in-class sessions before they go and two classes after the trip. There will be some assignments involved. The student will have to give a paper or presentation or whatever the instructor decides."

The courses can be molded to fit the student. "The students know what they want to learn and the instructor will fit it to their program," she said. "Obviously, you're not going to take a journalism student and ask him about costuming at Stratford."

### Bookstore offers 10 per cent off many items

The Niagara College Bookstore is holding its annual textbook sale from Feb. 23 to March 12.

All textbooks in the store will be on sale at 10 per cent off the regular list price.

For the first time, various items bearing the college crest will be on sale as well. These items, such as jackets, T-shirts and scarves, will be displayed on a table at the rear of the store and will be sold at 10 per cent off the regular price.



## Splish Splash

The 1976 budget for snow removal has already been exceeded by \$500, said Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property. In answer to an editorial which criticized snow removal service, Mr. Spittle said there was no money available to shovel

snow by hand. The heavier than usual snowfall this year has been responsible for breaking the budget. "At St. Clair, they are already \$10,000 over budget," he said. "We're doing the best we can."

## Series of grammar tapes result of 'Up your grammar'

The Ontario Education Communication Authority (OECA) is showing "great interest" in a series of grammar lessons on video tape planned by two Niagara College

instructors. The series which will take a humorous approach to the teaching of English grammar is the result of the tape "Up Your Grammar," made last fall by instructors Brian Green and Paul Davoud. They are planning five more to be produced this spring or summer.

Mr. Green said Vips, the distributing division of OECA, told him "it's exactly the thing they're looking for."

A representative will visit Niagara to examine the finished tapes; if approved they will be distributed by Vips.

Channel 19 is interested in the tapes to use as filler between programs, Mr. Green said.

He also talked with the Region Six English Advisory Committee and the Niagara South Advisory Committee.

The Region six committee, made up of English co-ordinators from all school boards from Niagara Falls to Simcoe, including colleges and universities, told him some of them would buy the series if the five tapes still to be produced are as good as the first.

The tapes will be produced at the college with all actors being college students.

## Ghost Train at Theatre Centre

Niagara College's Theatre Arts program opened its first production of 1976 last night as it presented Ghost Train, a play which program co-ordinator David Staples calls "a suspense thriller for all ages and sexes."

The play, a comedy-mystery, is set in a railway station on the Canadian-American border and focuses on a group of Victorian people trapped there.

"Ghost Train is a delightful and mysterious Friday the 13th shocker that exposes the men as men and the women as women at the turn of the century," Mr. Staples said.

The play will be at the Theatre Centre until Saturday night, Feb. 21, with performances each evening at 8:30.

### YANKEE METRIC

Butler Metal Products of Cambridge, Ont., reports that some metric blueprints are already coming in from the United States.

## Kaboom

# What? Are you still here?

By ERIC BOWMAN

WELLAND, Feb. 12 - Brazil, Mexico and North America have survived the great "Ecological holocaust" that swept across the land yesterday. In case you aren't aware of it, the holocaust was similar to the plague of 1347, according to Lucille Boikoff, a spokesman for the North American Labor Party.

What ecological holocaust?

Mrs. Boikoff told the Ontario Cabinet meeting at Niagara College in November all about the holocaust that would occur in 90 days from Nov. 13.

But here it is - 91 days later - and the world and all its concerns seem to be still here.

Mrs. Boikoff said there may be a danger of Toronto going bankrupt. It didn't. In fact the city tried to purchase a professional baseball team during the 90 day period.

She said the government must put restraints on world trade to prevent the holocaust. Prime Minister Trudeau put restraints on the economy. Could this have been the miracle that saved the world?

Mrs. Boikoff pointed to the mail strike as an example of poor labor

conditions in Canada. Well, the mail strike was settled, (to everybody's satisfaction), as were many other strikes. Everybody seemed to want job security just in case they survived.

And the "terrorist triumvirate" of Henry Kissinger, Edward Levi and Clarence Kelly, masterminded by vice-president Rockefeller, which Mrs. Boikoff held responsible for assassination attempts and kidnapping in 1975, seems set for more of the same in '76. At any rate, they still remain in power, even though President Ford dismissed other members of his administration.

In November, Robert Welch, minister of culture and recreation and chairman of the meeting, summed up the cabinet's gratitude for the timely warning:

"Thank you, Mrs. Boikoff, for sharing your views with us today."

*The Oxford dictionary defines holocaust as: complete destruction by fire, or that which is so consumed; complete destruction, esp. of a large number of persons; a great slaughter or massacre.*

## New extension course for Social Service grads

A new program will be offered through extension this fall which will provide specialized educational opportunities to social service graduates.

Called Post-Diploma Certificate in Social Service Work, it is designed for graduates of social service programs who have worked at least a year in the field, or equivalent, and know what type of social service work they want to specialize in.

Gail Hilyer, chairperson of the Applied Arts Extension Division, said this program has been created in response to a need. Former graduates in the field, social work businesses and the advisory committee felt a post-diploma course, considered unique in Ontario, was required to allow workers to "develop skills in working with the aged, retarded, delinquents in the corrections field, alcohol and drug addiction, or psychiatric social work," she said.

Mrs. Hilyer explained that the course is only being offered through extension and only to graduates of a social service program with at least

one year experience "because they have determined by then which areas they would like to develop."

The program is expected to draw about 20 students a year. It will take two to three years to complete and offers 16 courses of study, including psychology, family therapy, social welfare policy, mental retardation, and studies in addiction.

### Conveners to attend

Adam Macsai, executive vice-president of the Student Administrative Council (SAC), told the Niagara News the SAC convener of clubs would be attending all student club meetings under the terms of an amendment to the SAC constitution proposed by SAC president Dennis Reeves. The recording secretary of each club would be responsible for taking minutes of each meeting.

In the last edition of the News, Dennis said the amendment would call for the executive vice-president of SAC to attend these meetings and record the minutes.

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## Second

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well.

There will be an entirely new cast, comprising six men and two women.

The play will be somewhat easier to understand as the French will be more of a Canadian dialect, rather than the Parisian argot of the first, Jeanne said.

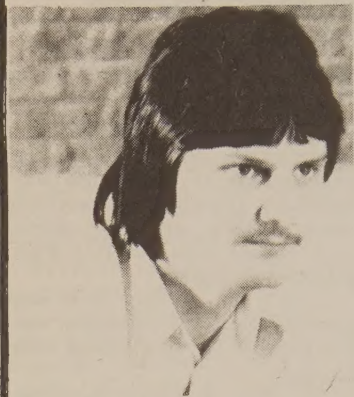
The set, which was designed by Tayie Abdel Rehem of the Theatre Arts program, is an ambitious undertaking. Some characters will sit on clouds which will rise and fall with the character's thoughts, be they good or bad.

The play will run until March 6.

# Roving Reporter

Question: How do you think SAC should spend its \$7,900 surplus?

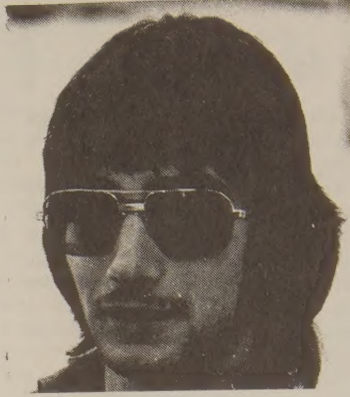
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Deno Bartman



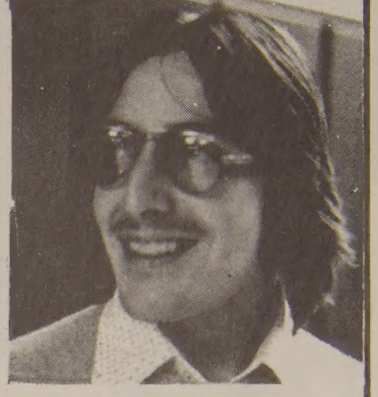
Pat Bradley



Ken Miller



Betty Ann Gallagher



Sheldon Curran

**Allan Longval, Electrical Technician, year one:** "I don't really know. They should spend it for something the students really need. You'd have to ask students. Maybe on transportation to sports events. I

heard the enthusiasm at games isn't too good. Maybe if we had transportation it would be better."

**Deno Bartman, Electrical Technician, year one:** "I don't know. Get better bands at the pubs."

**Pat Bradley, Social Services, year one:** "I don't really know. I really don't know that much about them (SAC) so I don't know what they should do with the profits."

**Ken Miller, Surveying, year two:**

"They should start a football team, that's one thing. They should have entertainment during the lunch hours."

**Betty Ann Gallagher, Early Childhood Education, year one:** "I

think they should have a football team, cheerleaders and have more sports."

**Sheldon Curran, Journalism, year one:** "Have a big party at the end, free booze."

## Typing service available, provides work experience

Typing and secretarial service is available at Niagara College. Graduating secretarial students will type and duplicate, if necessary, essays, letters, charts and other material for students, staff and the community.

The service was inaugurated to provide the graduating class with work experience. There is a fee of 25 cents per page for the service for Niagara students; for the outside community, the charge is 50 cents. Proceeds will be used for supplies.

Charges for complicated charts will be negotiated at a higher rate, said Mrs. Irene Hanlin, program co-ordinator of secretarial science. Rates for duplicating have not been set.

Students will be assigned to the service on a rotating basis. Each student will spend two full consecu-

tive days in the typing service office. Overlapping schedules will mean that at least one student will be familiar with the previous day's work, Mrs. Hanlin said.

The typing service office is under the management of Mrs. Patricia Clay, an Ontario Career Action Program (OCAP) student. Patricia, who studied at the St. Catharines Business College, is being trained to fully manage the office, Mrs. Hanlin said.

In September, 1976, when the new business area will be in full operation, the work area should be remodelled to be more suitable.

The typing service office is located in M8, the typing practice area in the Mackenzie building. Inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Hanlin in person or at extension 269.

## Bookstore pamphlet outlines refund policies

Back in September when students were given their student kits, inside was a bright yellow pamphlet outlining the rules for the Niagara College Bookstore.

Every year there is no shortage of complaints about the store. But, almost all of them could be settled if students would only read the yellow pamphlet.

For example, the News learned of one student who purchased a book for a course and then decided to drop it. He wanted to return the book for a refund so he called the bookstore and was very upset to learn that he couldn't return the book without a copy of the Official Notice of Change form used by the Registrar's office.

When this student talked to the News about his problem, he was all for having a Royal Commission look into the operation of the store.

However, if the student had taken the time to look in the yellow pamphlet, he would have found that policy #3 says, "No on-course texts will be accepted for refund. Books will be accepted for refund under the conditions below:

"(a) Book cancelled from course.  
"(b) Student changing courses.

Proof must be provided."

Policy #6 states, "Refunds on

other merchandise may be possible in special situations at the discretion of the Book Store Supervisor."

Dennis Reeves, SAC president, the student in question, talked to the News about the situation.

He said he had talked to Gary LaRose, college treasurer, who told Dennis about the procedure outlined in the yellow pamphlet. "I told him it was a bunch of garbage," Dennis said.

Mary Cunningham, bookstore supervisor, said the policies were set to facilitate bookstore operations.

"The college does not subsidize us," she said. "We operate on a break-even basis."

Mrs. Cunningham said, "I must substantiate these refunds." She did not think she was being "unfair or unjust."

She said the bookstore doesn't pay rent to the college for its facilities but must pay salaries, fringe benefits, equipment maintenance, freight and rental equipment.

Dennis Reeves said he planned to meet with Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. LaRose, and A.S. Aboud, director of Student Services, to discuss changes in the refund policy of the bookstore.

## TV first for violence complaints to commission, says Scott Young

By ROB POTTER

Television has been the chief source of complaints to the Canadian Radio-Television Commission (CRTC) committee on violence in the media, according to Scott Young, newspaper columnist and member of the committee.

Mr. Young was speaking at a special meeting of the Niagara Regional Press Club at Club LaSalle in St. Catharines Feb. 3.

He said that so far in 19 hearings the committee, under former Liberal cabinet minister Judy LaMarsh, has heard 150 briefs. All pointed to television as the most violent medium while only a few named newspapers as violence stimulating.

After the informal, off-the-cuff speech, Mr. Young spoke casually with reporters and said television rated first in violence and "movies and newspapers are a distant second."

However, he told a Niagara News reporter that so far the committee had not been in any of Ontario's larger centres—most of their hearings have been in Northern Ontario, while they met once in Niagara Falls—and thought they may encounter more complaints against newspapers in places like Hamilton and Toronto.

"The people in larger centres are usually a little more sophisticated and they may present different arguments from what we've heard so far," he said.

In his speech he said, "Nothing I've heard so far seems to me to require censorship of the newspapers."

The only complaints against a newspaper came during a hearing in Sault Ste Marie where the committee heard several complaints about the policies of the Sault Ste. Marie Star. The Star has one reporter who seems to "dwell lovingly on reports of sex and violence." He added that it might be "interesting to find out why the Sault Star acts like this."

The committee was not yet considering censorship of television programs as an answer to controlling sex and violence, but has considered suggestions for a rating system much like that used for movies.

"One I've heard suggested would rate violent programs in order of 4V for the most violent to 1V for less violent shows," he said. "For programs that have sex in them, you would have 1V for the least sex....of

course everybody will go to bed then."

He did say, however, that some kind of government controls may be suggested by the committee.

A family viewing hour much like the one now in use in the United States may be implemented but, he said, "It hasn't worked. It's generally considered to be a PR (Public Relations) job that hasn't worked very well."

The only section of the speech which did not come off the cuff was when he read excerpts from two briefs.

The Timmins—South Porcupine branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association asked that scenes of violence be cut from children's programming like "Bugs Bunny" and the "Road Runner" and comic books. It said these shows contain "extraordinary scenes of violence" which are harmful to young children.

The brief also asked that timing of commercials be controlled. They said an ad for a "violent movie" was shown immediately before the Friendly Giant, a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation program shown Saturday mornings.

It said children, especially those aged 13 to 16, are influenced by commercials which show violent scenes from movies that glamorize fast driving and beer commercials that give the impression that drinking beer will make them popular.

Mr. Young said one problem with commercials is "there is no code of ethics in Canada" to govern their showing.

The Timmins brief also made several recommendations which included curfews for persons under 16 years of age and checks of school and public libraries to ensure that adult books "are kept out of the reach of children."

It was "not an untypical brief," Mr. Young said. It had raised an interesting point by suggesting that all movies and television programs have happy endings.

The other brief Mr. Young read at the Press Club meeting was from the Sault Ste. Marie Catholic Women's League.

It asked the press to rearrange its priorities. It felt the media tries to brainwash people

"If that's the image the public has of us (the press) I think we at least ought to think about it."

Mr. Young said that much of the evidence before the commission so far has been inconclusive.

Mr. Young said he became involved with the commission when, at age 57, "I decided to educate myself a little."

He sent a letter to Judy LaMarsh, whom he had never met before, saying he would be interested in working with the commission.

He had expected to help the commission with research, but was asked to join instead.

He said with himself, a member of the press, and Judy LaMarsh, whom he described as "a good person to work with," the commission needed "someone who looks honest" so they hired Judge Leo Boileau who, said Mr. Young, "looks real honest."

Mr. Young has worked with the Winnipeg Free Press, the Canadian Press in Toronto and London, England, Maclean's and joined the Toronto Globe and Mail in 1957. He served in the Canadian Navy in the Second World War.

His short stories have been published in every major publication in North America. His novels include an adult book, The Flood, and a series of sports books aimed at adolescents.

In 1963 he moved to the editorial page of the Globe where he has been since, until he began his seven-month leave of absence to work with the CRTC commission.

## OOOPS!

In the last edition of the Niagara News Adam Macsai was incorrectly identified as the Student Administrative Council vice-president for external affairs in a story about the constitutional requirements for passing the proposed increases for the SAC executives.

Adam is, in fact, the SAC executive vice-president. Shelley Ward is SAC vice-president for external affairs.

## Stoney and Stewy

Stonewall Jackson and Bob Stuart, both of Niagara Falls, took top honors in the Winter Carnival euchre competition. They each received \$10 for the win.

Paul Williams of Welland and Sue Wily of St. Catharines were second prize winners, taking \$7.50 each.



Two concrete horses prance in the winter snow. The horses, believed to be unique, grace a St. Catharines home in the Burgoyne Bridge area.

(Photo by Kindy)

## No repairs to First Ave. until warm weather comes

First Avenue, the road directly east of Niagara College, has been in perilous state—it's like driving in a zig-zag—and the Niagara News made efforts to find out who would repair the road and when it would be fixed.

We shouldn't have asked.

On Jan. 27 we called someone from the City of Welland Public Works department who told us, "It's partly our responsibility and partly the responsibility of the people doing the construction along there."

Other than that he knew nothing about it.

So we called the regional works department and were finally pointed in the right direction by someone named Mr. Wright. Unfortunately, through no fault of his, the direction was back to the city of Welland.

He did, however, give us the name of someone to talk to in Welland and that person, Gilles Montpetit, of the city engineer's department, finally gave us the answer to our question.

Mr. Montpetit told the News First Avenue had been improperly asphalted the last time work was done on it. With the heavy snow and construction traffic on it in the last few months, the asphalt broke up and the road was turned into a sea of oversized pot-holes.

He said the construction companies have no responsibility to repair the road, although they have to keep it clear of mud and equipment.

"We are hoping to be able to fill the holes with stones in the next two or three days," he said, "but if we grade it right now, we'll only end up filling the holes with snow."

He said signs warning of the road's condition would be placed

along it, until the work can be done, and a new seal will be put on the road. The city would resurface the road completely as soon as warmer weather comes, most likely in early spring.

## Reeves disgusted by exec. no-shows

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) held its regular meeting Feb. 2 but was unable to form a quorum and no business was transacted.

The proposed honoraria increases were at the top of the agenda but without a quorum, the issue was put out to pasture yet again.

Dennis Reeves, SAC president, was disgusted with his council members. "My council doesn't seem to give a damn," he said. "If they don't want to show any initiative, I'll just drop the whole damn thing."

He added, "I'm quite satisfied with what I get paid."

Dennis said he doesn't know just what he will do about the increases now. He said he is very tempted to let it go for this year and let the '76-'77 council handle the matter.

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## Pub losses may mean loss of pubs

Pub nights at Niagara College may soon be a thing of the past, a blurry memory so to speak.

At the Student Administrative Council (SAC) non-meeting Feb. 2, Dennis Reeves, SAC president, reported that the administration, which took over pub management this year, has lost \$200 and is considering dropping the pubs altogether.

Dennis said the administration has approached SAC about financing the pubs. "They want us to pick up the tab," he said.

Dennis said it would be possible for SAC to foot the bill for the pubs but estimated a loss of at least \$2,000 for the rest of the school year.

The problem with the pubs is poor attendance, but is hasn't always been this way.

"Last September," Adam Macsai, SAC executive vice-president said, "We were turning away 150-200 people a night, but now, we can't fill the place." Adam put the blame squarely on student apathy.

A number of ideas for increasing attendance were discussed such as having a "Disco Nite" or having pubs on a bi-weekly basis. "What we could try is not having a pub every week but having one every second week with better bands," Dennis said.

However, no firm decision could be made because of poor attendance at the meeting by SAC executive members.

Dennis said Feb. 10 he has sent a letter to the SAC Board of Directors asking its approval for SAC financing of all future pubs.

## SOLAR ENERGY

The sun generates energy by hydrogen-nitrogen fusion.

## Despite Sukur's scoring, B-ball ladies lose two more

Niagara Ladies Basketball team has lost two more games, this time to St. Clair and George Brown.

In a Feb. 3 game against George Brown College in Welland, the home team lost 52-41.

Doris Sukurs was top scorer for Niagara, earning 17 points. Diana Schoene netted six baskets for 12 points while Monica Rose and Maria Carboni each made two baskets for four points. Joan Fast and Dorothy Bylhouwer each got two points.

High scorers for George Brown were Mary Boyd with 20 points and

April English with eight points.

In a game against St. Clair, played Jan. 31 in Welland, Doris Sukurs again led the way for Niagara with 17 points. She was followed by Dorothy Bylhouwer and Diana Schoene with four points each. Monica Rose and Joan Fast got two points each.

Leading the St. Clair team was June Wachna with 14 points; she was followed by Mary Peltier with 13 points.

The team will play Fanshawe tonight at 7:30 at the college.



Mike Soucie and Larry Dance of Niagara defend against Steve Fulkerson of Waterloo in a game at Waterloo's Mike Moser gym. The final score was 108-56 for Waterloo.

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# Pot Shots

By Rob Potter

With all the new professional sports leagues which have sprung up in the past few years, we've begun to wonder if somewhere there is a college or school turning out people for the sole purpose of founding pro sports leagues.

We now have the North American Soccer League (NASL), the World Hockey Association (WHA), the National Lacrosse League (NLL), the World Professional Bowling League (WPBL), the World Team Tennis League (WTTTL), and the late, not-so-great World Football League (WFLJOKE).

We're sure our editorial consultant is just about ready to throw a typewriter at us with all these abbreviations, but we must add the already established leagues such as the National Hockey League (NHL), the National Basketball Association (NBA), the American Basketball Association (ABA), the Canadian Football League (CFL), the National Football League (NFL), and Major League Baseball (Curt Gowdy).

If we've forgotten any, we're not really very sorry.

Still businessmen all over North America (pro sport seems to be a strictly North American trait) are gazing wide-eyed at chances to get into the pro sports act.

Knowing this, we decided to put together the first ever Professional Sports Entrepreneurs Correspondence Course, geared to give the potential professional sport executive a chance to learn his new-found career before he gets into it.

## LESSON No. 1: Credibility and How To Get It.

To gain credibility, follow the example of Wayne Belisle, former owner and president of the Minnesota Fighting Saints of the WHA (if you have to look back to find out what the WHA is, you may as well stop reading here because you don't have a chance.)

At the start of the 1975-76 season, Belisle claimed he was on the verge of signing Bobby Orr, Boston Bruins (NHL) superstar, for \$7 million. Unfortunately for Belisle, his dream did not come true and it never will. He was forced to sell the Saints for the price of one team payroll—\$130,000.

His credibility, all-important in the professional sports world today, went right down the tube with his sale of the team.

## LESSON No. 2: Payrolls

Payrolls are very much intertwined with credibility. It is difficult for the average uninformed sports fan to believe that a team is going to last very long if it fails to meet the payroll.

It is also difficult for the players who find it very hard to buy food unless they get paid and very hard to play unless they get fed.

So, always meet your payroll, even if it means selling the team, as Mr. Belisle did.

Not making the payroll can also put one into embarrassing predicaments

Consider the case of the WFL's Southern California Sun. During a game against the Honolulu Hawaiians, the teams broke into a brawl, during which Mike Giddings of the Sun ran onto the field, shouting, "anyone who doesn't stop fighting by the time I count to 10 is going to be fined."

One of his players retorted, "Fined? Fined from what?"

Giddings plan worked. The players stopped fighting immediately and began laughing hysterically.

## LESSON No. 3: Uniforms and Team Names

These are an important part of any pro sport franchise as they help to endear the local fans to your efforts (which, you must make clear, are entirely on their behalf.)

Some examples of old, out-of-date names are the Montreal Canadiens, the Chicago Blackhawks, the Oakland Raiders and the New York Knicks.

These names are good but see if you can think of better names after you finish reading this section.

Here are some new names that may help you; the Chicago Fire, later renamed the Chicago Wind; the Portland Storm, and the News Orleans Jazz.

Unfortunately, these old out-dated names are still going strong, but most of the new modernized names have been wiped out.

Now have you come up with some new names?

How about the Montreal Olympic Joke, the Chicago Convention and the New York Default?

We could also have the San Diego Zoo, the Hollywood Bowl, the Toronto Strike, the Ottawa Fold and the San Francisco Court Order.

And how about Toronto's new baseball team (if they get it)? What would you call it? Think of a name and see how close you come to the decision of the teams owners, if the team does move.

As far as uniforms are concerned, use lots of stripes and colors. No use being conservative, but keep in mind that you may want to put them up for sale in department stores if your team folds.

## LESSON No. 4: Players:

Athletes are also an important part of any league's credibility. Do you think the WHA would have lasted this long without people such as Bobby Hull and Gordie Howe?

Always pay the highest salaries you can. This shows your team has lots of money and makes people think you are here to stay.

But don't go overboard. The WFL-blames its failure to continue past the twelfth week of its second season on its failure to sign Joe Namath.

Also remember to keep you players happy, at least until your league is stable. (See Lesson No. 2.)

There are many other thing to consider when you begin your pro sport franchise or league but remembering these few points can help you on your way to becoming another Gary Davidson, who is remembered as the founder of the WHA, the WFL, the ABA, and his latest venture, World Professional Bowling (WPB), which you've probably never heard of.

Just one thing, though. Also remember to hang around only long enough to make your fortune and then move on to something else, the way Gary Davidson does.

After all, taking a loss, as most pro sport owners are nowadays, can be very harmful to your credibility.

# Knights win, lose and tie

Niagara Knights hockey team posted one win, one loss and one tie in their last three outings. The Knights defeated and tied Centennial Colts, but lost to Sheridam Bruins.

In action at the Welland arena on Jan. 31, the Knights battled the Colts to a 4-4 draw. The Knights had to play catch-up hockey after dropping 3-0 at one point. Niagara stormed back with four goals to take the lead but couldn't hold it as the Colts scored with just over six minutes remaining to gain the tie.

Coach Fred Bassi felt things should have been different. He said Niagara should have won. Niagara came close many times hitting the post or stymied on spectacular by the Centennial goaltender.

"He's the best goalie in the league and we just couldn't get the puck by him but we put a lot of pressure on him," Bassi said.

Tom MacLean scored twice for the Knights with Doug Ness and Bob Stuart adding the other tallies.

Niagara gained a 7-4 victory over Centennial on Feb. 6 in a game played in Toronto. The Knights

were tying and once again had numerous scoring chances and hit the post several times but they did manage to capitalize seven times. Six players accounted for the Knights' goals. Bob Stuart had two while Mark Millar, Norm Lalonde, Tom MacLean, Bill Brown and Pat Flynn had one each.

The win keeps Niagara's playoff hopes alive.

The Knights were back home at the Welland Arena one night later to face the always tough Sheridam Bruins. The Knights were hurting from the previous night's encounter and appeared leg weary and only going through the motions in the third period.

Tom MacLean opened the scoring with his fourth goal in three games for the Knights. The Bruins retaliated with three goals of their own to hold a 3-1 lead. Marty Courage pulled the Knights to within a goal with his first goal of the season to close out the second period.

In the third period Niagara just couldn't muster an attack and the Bruins added two more to ice a 5-2 victory over the weary Knights.

# Knights win mini-war in basketball

By MARK TESSIER

Niagara College came out on top of a 77-66 score in a very physical game against the D'Youville College Spartans of Buffalo, played here Feb. 2.

Right from the opening tip-off, the game was a mini-war, with the D'Youville squad trying to establish ownership of the backboards, and the Knights scrambling to stay alive. The tactic worked as the Spartans were able to fast break and run up an early 16-8 lead.

The Knights didn't give up, however, and some of the bigger players from the bench came on to begin bumping bodies beneath the backboards. Karl Smit was especially effective, as he had the Spartan forwards thinking of him whenever they tried to penetrate to the hoop.

## Moved ball well

Niagara successfully slowed the game down and was able to maintain possession of the ball for long periods of time. This enabled them to wait for a good shot as they worked the ball around the tight D'Youville zone defence. Niagara took over the lead late in the first half, taking a 35-31 edge into the dressing room.

D'Youville came out in the second half and tried to reaffirm their position on the boards. And although they did turn in some very strong rebounding efforts, the Knights were able to shut down their fast break attack and keep the game in hand.

The Spartans switched to a man-to-man defence in the hopes of double teaming the ball-carrier and picking up a few easy steals and points to put them back in the game.

But Brian Johnson, Ken Stewart and Mike Soucie remained alert and the semi-press was largely ineffective. Stewart especially played well under this pressure, as he beat the press himself several times with some nifty ball-handling and passes for easy Niagara buckets.

## Out of control

The only sour note in the game was the inability of the referees to keep control. Rather than taking charge of the match from the beginning, they let much of the rougher play go by until mid-way through the second half. By that time, tempers had frayed and the stepped-up referee control acted as a catalyst to a fight involving Soucie and Spartan guard Kevin Tucker. Both players were ejected along with Niagara's Dave Zalba and the other D'Youville guard, Pat Dalton. They were supposedly involved in another fracas during the confusion. In reality however, the referees threw out the wrong D'Youville player, as it was 6-foot 5-inch Dave Mohr who tussled with Zalba, not the 5-foot 6-inch Dalton.

Several minutes later, though, when play resumed, Mohr was thrown out of the game with his second technical foul after making an obscene gesture in the direction of one of the officials.

Johnson led all scorers with 20 points, while Soucie hit for 14 and Wayne Wiese netted 11. Mohr headed the Spartan attack with 17, with Rich Grayson getting 15, mostly from offensive rebounding.

# SPORTS

## Top rated B-ball squads wallop Niagara Knights

Bryant and Stratton Tigers, the number one team in the United States among the two-year business colleges, defeated the Niagara College basketball Knights 109-80 in a game played Jan. 29 in Buffalo.

The Tigers were led by Ed King, their 6-foot 4-inch centre. Though not especially big for a pivot man, King is a terror on the boards. He rebounds well above the rim, thanks

to an uncanny jumping ability. While he is off the floor, Niagara's offensive rebounding was shut off completely, while he dominated the Niagara defensive boards.

The score at half-time was 53-40 in favor of Bryant and Stratton, King scoring 25 of his team's points.

King saw minimal action in the second half, as the Tigers' coach gave all his players a lot of floor time. King led all scorers with 37 points, while Chip DiMarco had 24 and Dan Reeves added 14 for Bryant and Stratton.

Mike Soucie had his best shooting day this year, hitting 26 points to lead the Knights' attack. Brian Johnson added 13.

In a game played at home Jan. 31, the Knights were defeated 116-64 by the St. Clair Saints. Duane Newby led the Saints with 25, while Silvio Corrente had 23 and Mike Roos 16.

Johnson led Niagara with 17 points, while Soucie netted 15 and Dave Zalba added 10.

## Novelist & poet due at N/C

Two successful Canadian writers are coming to Niagara College.

Barry Callaghan, a former journalist, editor, teacher, filmmaker and poet will be here Feb. 24 in Room 107 of the Simcoe Building from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Peter Sutch, novelist, editor and teacher, will speak March 24 at the same location from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

## Cagers win two in a row

Niagara's basketball Knights won their second straight game by defeating Seneca Braves 78-66, in a game played here Feb. 10.

Niagara moved out to an early lead, and although the Braves fought back to within four points by the half and within one midway through the second half, the Knights never trailed.

"It was our best game defensively in a long time, especially (Tom) Boese," Coach Peter Rylander said. Boese was a menace on the boards, clearing 10 defensive rebounds and eight more at the Seneca end, as well as dropping in 12 points.

"We controlled the boards well, considering their height advantage," Coach Rylander said, "with him (Boese), Mark Tessier, Mike Soucie and Brian Johnson."

Soucie led a well-balanced scoring attack with 18, while Wayne Wiese hit 16, Dave Zalba had 13, and Boese added his 12.

Len Noel was the scoring leader in the game as he scored 23 in a losing effort. John Melchiori added 16 for Seneca.

# OACAP: Graduates get training

Eighteen trainees are working at Niagara College under a new provincial government program designed to give students that all-important first year's job experience.

The program, Ontario Career Action Program (OACAP), is open to graduates or non-graduates from high schools, colleges or universities.

Instituted by the province this year, the program began at Niagara Jan. 12.

"This is a provincial internship program in government service," George Repar, counsellor who is in charge of the program here, said. "They are trainees, not employees of the college."

At Niagara, they are working in these areas:

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|------------------------|---|
| School of Retraining   | 2 |
| School of Business     | 3 |
| School of Applied Arts | 6 |
| College services       | 2 |
| Student services       | 3 |
| Property and plant     | 2 |

OACAP jobs are limited to one year. During their stay, the students are looking for other, more permanent jobs.

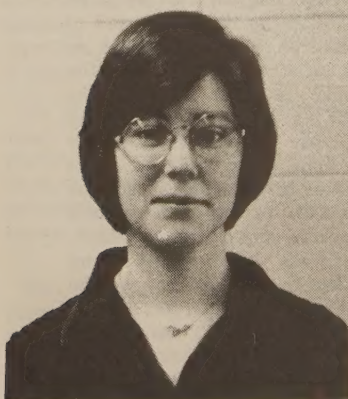


**CHARLES WALSH**

Charles Walsh is an audio visual assistant. He trained in audio visual at Wellandvale for one year but, due to an eye operation, he said many employers were not willing to take the chance of hiring him.

"It's tough to get in any place without experience," he said. Working as an assistant, he will gain the experience required by many audio visual industries.

Mr. Walsh looks after the main desk, helps in production work, cleans equipment and works on various machines in the department.



**PATRICIA CLAY**

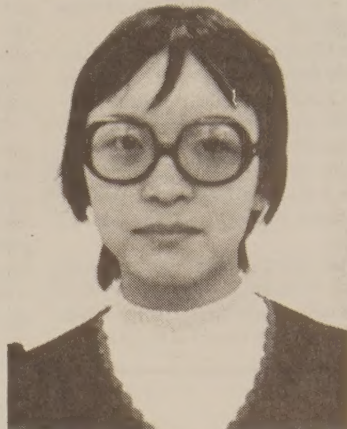
Patricia Clay is a secretary and office supervisor in the School of Business. Although she had nine months of secretarial study at St. Catharines Business College, Pat was unable to find a full-time job.

"It's helping improve skills I already have," she said. "I'd like to stay at the college if I could get a full-time job here."

Part of Pat's job is to supervise the students' practice office and be secretary to two department heads.

Working as applied arts extension education assistants are Jessie Sze and Joseph Mrozek. Jessie graduated from the University of Western Ontario as a sociology major. Joseph is a graduate of Brock University with a B.A. in geography and urban studies, and of the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Education degree.

Jessie said her job means doing "all kinds of things," such as updating class lists, making film catalogues and working on publicity for the school trip to England.



**JESSIE SZE**

"I'll stay as long as I've got things to learn," she said. "So far I think I'm learning a lot here."

Joseph said he applied for the job to "get experience in administration."

"If a better opportunity comes along I'll take it," he said. "I like to stay for the whole year and learn everything involved in running a department like the community education division and labour management studies."

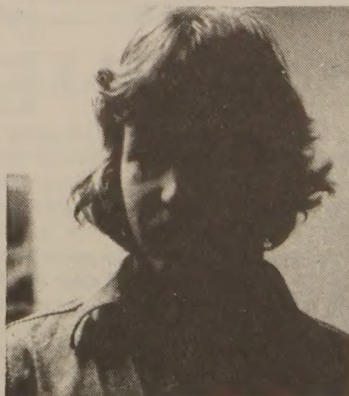


**JOSEPH MROZEK**

Richard Harvey said his work as a maintenance assistant in the plant and property branch will give him one year's experience in carpentry and industry maintenance.

Richard said he does "any job that needs to be done." If a permanent job turns up, he will accept it.

Niagara became involved in OACAP because it responded to a government invitation and sent the ministry a detailed training program and a full job description for each job.



## Topless shampoo parlor's opening throws St. Catharines into uproar

By DAVID KINDY

While the rest of the world is concerned with Angola, the Guatemalan earthquake, Patty Hearst, Czech spies and an ecological holocaust, St. Catharines is worrying about a hair-raising predicament.

The city which openly advocates "Get involved with a Grand Old Lady" is up in arms over a topless shampoo parlor in a barber shop on Niagara Street.

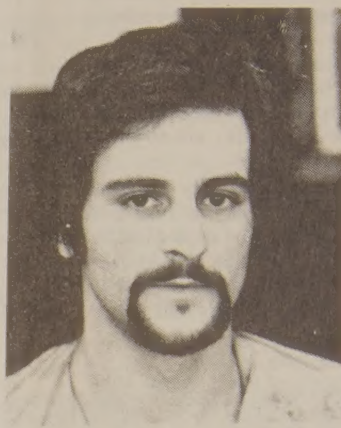
The parlor opened Tuesday, Feb. 2, amid uproar throughout St. Catharines and its city council, in a men's hairstyling shop owned by Roberto Polillo. The star attraction was a shapely shampooer, clad only in black panties, horn-rimmed glasses and a see-through smock.

Mike Collins, a Niagara College English instructor and a St. Catharines alderman was one of the first to oppose the parlor's opening. He told the Jan. 19 council meeting this shampoo parlor was no different from a body rub parlor; he advised being ready to use legislation against "people who are just trying to make a pile of money at the expense of other people or exploiting things that are naturally beautiful but in a commercial sense are not intended for these purposes."

Since that time, the parlor has met with varied opinions, much of it strongly opposed. Petitions bearing more than 1,500 names were presented by several groups including the Central Gospel Temple, to the council Feb. 2 asking that the shop be closed.

Mr. Polillo accuses the city of "harrasing" him by constantly checking for violations, but says his shop is open "and we are going to stay open." Meanwhile, the anonymous 21-year-old young lady he employs dismisses as "absurd" accusations that the shop is a front for immoral purposes.

Mr. Collins told the Niagara News in a recent interview he was not



**ROBERTO POLILLO**

being "evangelistic" against Mr. Polillo's parlor but is trying to protect the community from what has happened to most major cities across Canada and the United States.

"In most of the big cities, there are quick-buck artists running body rub parlors as fronts for fast service bordellos and medically unsupervised brothels," he said. "We're afraid this might happen here."

Mr. Collins said the shampoo parlor has created a "Keystone Cop atmosphere." Legislation against this type of operation is practically nil and the only hope of closing the parlor rested on a 1961 bylaw requiring barber shop employees to wear clean, white washable smocks. The voluptuous scalp massager wears a see-through blouse.

"The police have asked for a bylaw," Mr. Collins said. "The criminal code doesn't work well in this type of operation. It is creating a lot of problems for law enforcement officials because they don't know what to do. The city council is going to take a hard stand on this."

Mr. Polillo is upset with all the turmoil and has accused the city of harassment. He said several in-

spectors had been to his shop checking for minor violations of the safety and health codes and trying to close him.

On Friday, Feb. 6, he was closed for half a day after receipt of a letter from the city solicitor's office which told him he could not reopen until certain violations were corrected. He was also told in another letter that his ventilation system was not up to standards and he had until Feb. 13 to correct the situation. He received this letter Feb. 11.

In another instance, he said a health inspector examined the premises and told him he must have carpeting in the back where the topless shampooing was done. He complied and bought several yards of carpeting which he cut to fit and laid himself. Another inspector told him the carpeting was in violation of the health laws and must go.

"Last week we did all right but most people don't know we're open," Mr. Polillo complained. "They think the city is going to close us down and don't realize we're open for business. I would do some advertising but I'm tight for cash with all these minor violations they harassed me about. I had to get them fixed to stay open."

He has invited people who oppose his shop to come in and see it. He insists there is nothing illegal or immoral about his shop. He has extended this invitation to the St. Catharines city council, including Mayor Joe Reid. He said he has also offered Alderman Collins a free shampoo and hair cut.

At the centre of all this is a 21-year-old young lady who has been successful in her quest to remain anonymous from the either too-angry or too-friendly throngs.

"I've got calls from Christians and sexual perverts," she said. "When they charge you with the destruction of civilization, that's pretty heavy."

The shapely scalp massager, who will be referred to as Madam X, has refused to give out her name for fear of her safety and disruption of her private life.

Madam X, who is a feminist, took this job through necessity. She was a freshman at Brock University last year but dropped out. She spent several unsuccessful months searching for a job and then decided to travel. She got a few small part-time jobs during her travels to tide her over until she found permanent employment.

When she got back to St. Catharines, she was still in need of a job. As an unskilled person, she found it hard to find work. Finally, she got this job through Canada Manpower. She knew there would be a commotion over the parlor when it first opened but, "I thought it would die quickly."

"The first day, the St. Catharines Standard showed up and they did a big article with a picture and it hasn't died down."

She added, "There are people who would rather have me on the welfare rolls than working, though."

"They accuse me of all this immorality," she said. "It makes me so angry when they insinuate that I'm seducing men in the back room. It's just not true."

"It's ridiculous. Everybody associates a semi-nude scalp massage with sexual perversion. It's so bizarre. To equate this with a body rub parlor is crazy."

### FOOTBALL GOES METRIC

The Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union has announced that effects of metric conversion on football are being considered



Two Niagara Horticulture students work on a tree behind Hennepin Hall—part of their study of arboriculture.

## Hort. students care for trees

Arboriculture has come to Niagara College's main campus.

No, it's not a disease or a rock group. Arboriculture is the study of maintenance, care and cultivation of trees and shrubs for decoration and ornamentation, and is a part of Horticulture's study program.

Two groups of first year horticulture students came to the main campus Feb. 10 and 11 to work on some of the trees around Hennepin Hall under the watchful eye of program co-ordinator Peter Mansfield.

"These trees haven't had any care since they were planted," said Mr. Mansfield between shouts for his help from some of the students. "Our object is to clean up the trees to provide for easier maintenance of them in the future."

In addition most of the work on the nature park (between the Student Administrative Council office on Rice Road and Hennepin Hall) is also being done by school of horticulture students as part of their course, he said.